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May/June 2018

Saying Goodbye

Unfortunately, it is with a heavy heart that I must leave my position as the Director of the Western Library System. This past year has provided me with many wonderful experiences working with the talented librarians and directors from all around the 21 western Nebraska counties. I am very appreciative for all of the guidance and support from the knowledgeable librarians and directors in this area, along with each of the Regional Library Directors, and the Nebraska Library Commission and staff. Many great memories of my time here will remain with me, and please know that I have truly experienced the "Nebraska Nice" from everyone.

Thank you all for this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to visiting the many libraries within the western Nebraska area, along with the Nebraska Library Commission, on my trips back to this region in the future. May all of your libraries "rock" this summer!

- Jan J. Jolliffe -

***"When I step into this library,
I cannot understand why
I ever step out of it."***

Marie de Rabutin-Chantal,
marquise de Sévigné

The 2018 Nebraska Book Awards

Have you read any good Nebraska books lately? If you have, you can nominate them for a book award. The 2018 Nebraska Book Awards program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book (NCB) and Nebraska Library Commission, will recognize and honor books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or relate to Nebraska.

Books published in 2017, as indicated by the copyright date, are eligible for nomination. They must be professionally published, have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and be bound. Books may be entered in one or more of the following categories: Nonfiction, Fiction, Children/Young Adult, Cover/Design/Illustration, and Poetry. Certificates will be awarded to the winners in each category. Award winners will be presented at the Fall 2018 Nebraska Center for the Book's Celebration of Nebraska Books and Annual Meeting in Lincoln.

The entry fee is \$40 per book and per category entered. Deadline for entries is June 30, 2018. For more information, including entry forms, see <http://www.centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/awards/nebookawards.html> or contact Mary Jo Ryan, maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov, 402-471-2045, 800-307-2665, for print information.

Enter by sending the entry form (<http://www.centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/docs/BookAwardsEntry2018.pdf>), three copies of the book, and the entry fee to NCB Book Awards Competition, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at the Nebraska Library Commission and brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word. The Nebraska Center for the Book is supported by the Nebraska Library Commission. As the state library agency, the Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services, bringing together people and information.



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May/June Display and Programming Ideas

Get Caught Reading Month (May)

Use this month to encourage kids to always have a book on hand. Hand out small prizes throughout the month for catching students making the choice to read for fun throughout the school day.

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month (May)

Check out [Action for Healthy Kids](#) for ideas on how to partner with schools to celebrate health and fitness in your community.

Choose Privacy Week (May 1-7) is the American Library Association's annual, week-long event that promotes the importance of individual privacy rights and celebrates libraries and librarians' unique role in protecting privacy in the library and in society as a whole. Visit chooseprivacyweek.org for more information.

Star Wars Day, May 4

"May the 4th be with you!"™ and "Explore the Galaxy @ Your Library"™

by having a *Star Wars* Reads Event and movie marathon. Dress up in your favorite *Star Wars* t-shirt to full-on stormtrooper gear, display all of your *Star Wars* books such as [Star Wars: ABC-3PO](#), along with your movies, paint [Star Wars rocks](#) to help your Library Rock! for summer reading. Add in [Star Wars crafts](#) including Lego™ Stormtroopers, [R2-D2](#) and C-3PO, and whip up a galactic smorgasborg of [Star Wars-themed recipes](#) along with the ultimate **Star Wars-themed beverage**: [blue milk](#).

National Library Legislative Day (May 7-8)

A two-day educational event that brings hundreds of librarians, trustees, library supporters and patrons to Washington, D.C. Visit <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>.

Limerick Day (May 12)

Try your hand at penning a limerick or use these resources from KidZone Poetry <http://www.kidzone.ws/poetry/limerick.htm> to help your young patrons get the form just right.

Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee (May 17-20, 2018)

Remember the jumping frog contest from Mark Twain's "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County"? Did you know Calaveras County is a real place? And has a real frog jumping contest every May? For the full schedule of events, go to <https://www.frogstown.org/>.

Endangered Species Day (May 18)

Visit the World Wildlife Fund's website <https://www.worldwildlife.org/> to read about currently endangered species. Prepare a display of your children's non-fiction books that are about those species.

National Paper Airplane Day (May 26)

Check out the amazing database of paper airplanes from Fold N Fly www.foldnfly.com/ and challenge your patrons to a flying competition with awards for longest distance, best trick flying, and best airplane design.

GLBT Book Month™ (June)

A nationwide celebration of the authors and writings that reflect the lives and experiences of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. ALA has launched the GLBT Book Month online resource center, featuring tipsheets and downloadable materials. Contact [ALA's Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services](#) with questions.

Great Outdoors Month

Go on a virtual adventure to explore our national parks at <https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service/parks>. Display your travel books to states that include the national parks mentioned on this website...Alaska, Hawaii, New Mexico, Utah, and Florida.

National Safety Month

For anyone prone to bumps, cuts, and bruises, share 18 Fun Facts about the History of BAND-AID® Brand Adhesive Bandages: <https://www.jnj.com/our-heritage/18-facts-about-the-history-of-band-aid-brand-adhesive-bandages>. Band-Aids have come a long way! Be sure to include first aid books, CPR books and DVDs, crutches, and braces in your display.

Great American Campout (June 23, 2018)

"Camp Out" at your library today! Set up a tent, serve indoor s'mores and read aloud a book about camping. Have wet wipes ready for sticky hands and more books about camping ready to be checked out by your eager patrons.

Mark Your Calendar

**Bridgeport Public Library
Innovation Studio, Installation
and Train-the-Trainer**
May 7, 8 & 9.

**Stronger Together: Building
Literacy-Rich Communities**
May 10 - 12, 2018
Barbara Weitz Community
Engagement Center, Omaha, NE
[Registration](#)

**Information Security Workshop
& Librarian Meeting**
May 18, 2018
Kimball Public Library -
10:00 - 3:00
[Register: wlsasst@gmail.com](mailto:wlsasst@gmail.com),
Fax: 308-632-3978,
Toll Free 888-879-5303

WLS Annual Meeting
July 17, 2018
Chappell Memorial Library
& Art Gallery
[Register: https://
www.surveymonkey.com/r/C3Z6HNR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C3Z6HNR)

**Deadline for Innovation Studio,
2nd round of Applications**
July 20, 2018
See page 13 for more details.

NLA/NSLA Annual Conference
The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker
333 S 13th St • Lincoln, NE
October 4-6, 2018

Upcoming NCompass Live

Upcoming NCompass Live events:

- 5/9 - Computers in Libraries - 2018
- 5/16 - One Book One Nebraska: "Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry"
- 5/23 - Big-Time Library Support in Small Towns
- 5/30 - Library Innovation Studios - A Project Update and Review of the Application Process
- 6/20 - Rising to the Challenge: Using the Aspen Institute Report and Action Guide for Strategic Planning

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration Dates
5/21 - 6/1	Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship *	Sally Snyder	4/23 - 5/11
6/11 - 6/22	Library Finance	Scott Childers	5/14 - 6/1
7/9 - 7/20	Reference	Christa Porter	6/11 - 6/29
7/30 - 8/10	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	7/2 - 7/20
8/20 - 8/31	Library Policy	Sharon Osenga	7/23 - 8/10
9/10 - 9/21	Programming & Outreach	Holli Duggan	8/13 - 8/31
10/1-10/12	Community & Library*	Sam Shaw	9/3 - 9/21
10/22 - 11/2	Management/Supervision	Scott Childers	9/24 - 10/12
11/5 - 11/16	Leadership	Holli Duggan	10/8 - 10/26
12/3 - 12/14	Library Services to Children	Sally	11/1 - 11/23

(* Requisite class)

Register on the Nebraska Library Commission [Training and Events Calendar](#).
[Description of Basic Skills courses](#)

[Basic Skills Planner](#)--for program participants to keep track of their progress
For further information, contact [Holli Duggan](#), NLC Continuing Education Coordinator.

Visit the Nebraska Library Commission Website for News and Announcements.



Top 10 Most Challenged Books for 2017

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 354 challenges to library, school and university materials in 2017. Of the 416 books challenged or banned in 2017, the “Top 10 Most Challenged Books” are:

1. *Thirteen Reasons Why* written by Jay Asher

Originally published in 2007, this New York Times bestseller has resurfaced as a controversial book after Netflix aired a TV series by the same name. This YA novel was challenged and banned in multiple school districts because it discusses suicide.

2. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* written by Sherman Alexie

Consistently challenged since its publication in 2007 for acknowledging issues such as poverty, alcoholism, and sexuality, this National Book Award winner was challenged in school curriculums because of profanity and situations that were deemed sexually explicit.

3. *Drama* written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier

This Stonewall Honor Award-winning, 2012 graphic novel from an acclaimed cartoonist was challenged and banned in school libraries because it includes LGBT characters and was considered “confusing.”

4. *The Kite Runner* written by Khaled Hosseini

This critically acclaimed, multigenerational novel was challenged and banned because it includes sexual violence and was thought to “lead to terrorism” and “promote Islam.”

5. *George* written by Alex Gino

Written for elementary-age children, this Lambda Literary Award winner was challenged and banned because it includes a transgender child.

6. *Sex is a Funny Word* written by Cory Silverberg and illustrated by Fiona Smyth

This 2015 informational children’s book written by a certified sex educator was challenged because it addresses sex education and is believed to lead children to “want to have sex or ask questions about sex.”

7. *To Kill a Mockingbird* written by Harper Lee

This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, considered an American classic, was challenged and banned because of violence and its use of the N-word.

8. *The Hate U Give* written by Angie Thomas

Despite winning multiple awards and being the most searched-for book on Goodreads during its debut year, this YA novel was challenged and banned in school libraries and curriculums because it was considered “pervasively vulgar” and because of drug use, profanity, and offensive language.

9. *And Tango Makes Three* written by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson and illustrated by Henry Cole

Returning after a brief hiatus from the Top Ten Most Challenged list, this ALA Notable Children’s Book, published in 2005, was challenged and labeled because it features a same-sex relationship.

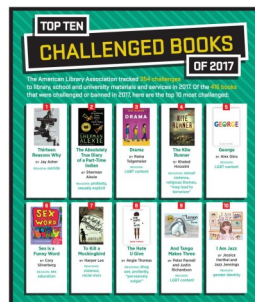
10. *I Am Jazz* written by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings and illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas

This autobiographical picture book co-written by the 13-year-old protagonist was challenged because it addresses gender identity.

Top 10 Challenged Books: Resources & Graphics", American Library Association, April 6, 2017.

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/NLW-Top10> (Accessed April 30, 2018)

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Artwork courtesy of the American Library Association, ala.org/bbooks/NLW-Top10

Grants Awarded to Small-Town Public Libraries

Six Nebraska public libraries recently received project funding, thanks to the generosity of a lifelong educator, the late Shirley Kreutz Bennett of Lincoln. Each year, the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund, an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF), accepts proposals for matching grants for public libraries in communities with populations under 3,000.



Following Ms. Kreutz Bennett's wishes, a Fund Advisory Committee composed of her nieces and nephews recommends grants in three areas: planning grants leading to accreditation; enhancement grants to improve library services; and facilities grants for new construction or the renovation, restoration or rehabilitation of current libraries.

All grants require a one-to-one match in local funding and evidence that the project has broad community support. Approximately \$80,000 in grant funding is available each year. Grant seekers are encouraged to review the guidelines and application procedures at NebraskaHometown.org/give/kreutz-bennett-donor-advised-fund.

"I would definitely recommend that library directors in eligible Nebraska communities take the time to apply for grants through the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund," said Dawnn Tucker, director of Lied Pierce Public Library. "The grant funding that we received in Pierce has made a tremendous impact on the children's programming in our library. We were able to purchase new books, movies, crafts, games and musical instruments to add to our children's activities. These items have added new excitement, which in turn has increased the number of children involved. We are very thankful for this grant opportunity!" For more information, contact Reggi Carlson, NCF communications specialist, [402-323-7338](tel:402-323-7338) or rcarlson@nebcommfound.org.

The following libraries received grants in 2018:

Dundy County Library. A grant of \$12,000 will help complete renovation of a building, which will serve as a new library facility and nearly double the space of the former building. ***WLS Library**

Dvoracek Memorial Library in Wilber. This library is located on a highway where parking is not permitted. The library received a grant of \$6,250 to match funds for construction of additional parking spaces close to the main entrance for increased accessibility for library patrons.

Genoa Public Library. This library applied for and received two separate grants. The first grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be used to purchase materials and supplies needed to incorporate a STREAM focus (science, technology, reading, arts, math) into children's library programs. A second grant for \$5,000 will help with repairs to the library's exterior brick mortar, and to complete additional façade renovation on the historic building that houses the library.

Howells Public Library. The entrance to this library was damaged by flooding several years ago. A grant of \$6,000 will match funds to replace the front doors with automated doors, which will increase accessibility for library patrons.

Ravenna Public Library. A grant of \$20,000 will help support the fundraising campaign for construction of a new library in Ravenna.

Scribner Public Library. This library is using its \$1,500 grant to incorporate a makerspace in the library and provide science-based kits, mechanical sets and sewing machines for its after-school and summer programs.

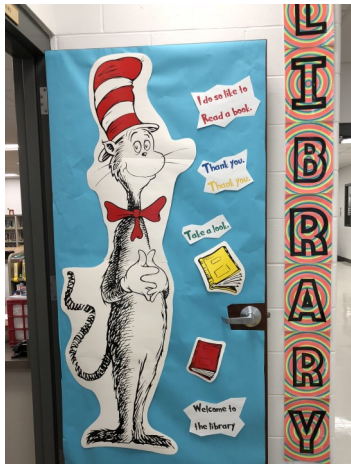
The Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund has provided 45 grants to Nebraska libraries since it began annual grantmaking in 2012. Christa Porter, Nebraska Library Commission Director of Library Development, said this grant program is perfect for libraries that are not yet accredited. For more information visit NebraskaHometown.org.

Information provided by Nebraska Library Commission

Posted on [March 29, 2018](http://NebraskaHometown.org) by [Mary Jo Ryan](#)

News Around The System

SOUTH PLATTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIBRARY



South Platte Public Schools Librarian, Laura DeVries, has created a student friendly learning space for grades K-12 in Big Springs, NE. The sixth graders recently participated as readers for the Kindergartners to help celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday. All of her patrons are in luck to have Ms. DeVries to help them find the perfect book or magazine, along with all of their research needs through NebraskaAccess databases.

Article and photos by Jan Jolliffe

BIG SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Attracting attention to their youth collection with Easter and spring decorations.



The Co-Directors, Marilyn Holdorf and Janie Jimenez, say their patrons appreciate the "bookstore" approach within their collection.



Showing community support by offering Stained Glass raffle tickets for the Phelps Hotel Benefit, which sits right across the street from the library.



Co-Director Marilyn Holdorf's green thumb makes the library so inviting for their patrons with beautiful plants.



They are maintaining the history of the 1st bank building in Big Springs, which is now the library, with the owner's small piano, and the original safe, along with showing support for the knights, the local school mascot.

Article and photos by Jan Jolliffe

News Around The System

Dalton Public Library



How much fun is it to create your favorite book character or Superhero? Just ask Charles Powell, Director of the Dalton Public Library, along with his youngest patrons! They're ready to blast off for heroic adventures during their story hour!



Although small, this library offers a glimpse into places unknown with picture books, dinosaur and space books, many of the classics, reference materials both in print and online through NebraskaAccess, along with local author crime mysteries, such as the C.J. Box series. There are also large print books, DVD's, and paperback books galore.



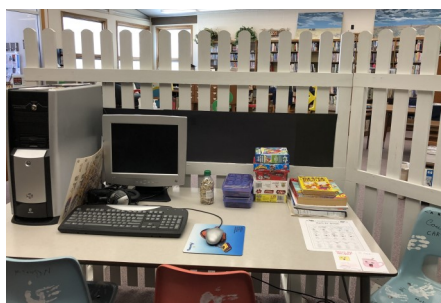
Space, Technology, Inventions, History, even Morse Code books are all readily available for research in every age group. Mr. Powell, a true history buff, even helps with genealogical research on microfiche machines with historical newspaper articles.

Photos and article by Jan Jolliffe

Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library



The children and young adult area is so inviting! Who wouldn't want to relax and read in a fuzzy chair with their favorite author? Plus, research just might be a little easier online when sitting in a garden area with original handprint chairs.



The adult patron area offers a comfortable living room setting for reading magazines, catching up with your neighbors, visiting about what's going on in the community, or discussing the newest book club addition. What a nice way to unwind after finishing that puzzle during the latest puzzle club meeting.



A gem of a library located in Lodgepole, Nebraska!



Director Norma Michelman says there's always something happening at the library. Her collection includes her patrons' favorite authors and titles, and the Nebraskan themed décor makes everyone feel welcome.



Pictures and article by Jan Jolliffe

News Around The System

Paxton Public Library



The Paxton Public Library recently held a story time parade to celebrate the arrival of spring. Each child who participates receives a star on the door. Betty Brown leads story time, with assistance from Peggy Lawler and Vicki Colson.

Article & pictures submitted by Dianne Jay, Director, Paxton Public Library

News Around the System

Morrill Public Library



Join Morrill Public Library
on May 25th at 2 p.m. for
The Kilted Man.

Pictures provided by Sarah Alfred

*Sarah Alfred, Director, along with
Jan Andrew, Library Assistant and
artist, are gearing up to "rock"
the library with their Summer
Reading Program.*



Librarians Around The System

Librarian Spotlight

Several Western Nebraska Librarians made the ALA-APA **Galaxy of Stars** as part of National Library Workers Day celebration!

Christie Clarke from Gering Public Library, Jana Kehn from Lied Scottsbluff Public Library, and Kendra Caskey from Goodall City Library.

Congrats to these Library Stars!

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Christie from a public library in Gering, NE, is a Star because she is an extremely dedicated Youth Services Librarian, and takes the time to share and train others with her "Rockin' Out!" with Children & Teen STEAM Programs! – Anonymous
Posted in Public Library | Tagged NE

Jana from a public library in Scottsbluff, NE, is a Star because she provide the best Adult Reading Program which includes a Barney Stone Sip and Paint Rock Painting Party, a Rock 'N' Roll Tour of the Wildcat Hills and the Five Rocks program that makes up the Scottsbluff National Monument, along with the best "A Cruisin' Wrap Up Party, Book Signing, and Movie" of all time. Plus she takes time out to share her "Rockin'" Adult Program with other librarians! – Anonymous
Posted in Public Library | Tagged NE

Kendra from a government library in OGALLALA, NE, is a Star because she works diligently making our Library a fantastic facility for the citizens of Ogallala, working with many community members to achieve the common goal of building a new Library Facility in our town. – Jane
Posted in Government Library | Tagged NE

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @alaapa #NLWD18

Submit a Star!

10 Ways to Celebrate National Library Workers Day

Purchase an official NLWD poster, satchel or t-shirt from the ALA Store!

Information accessed from the ALA website <http://ala-apa.org/nlwd/?tag=NE> on 4/10/18.

Librarian Spotlight Carol Matthews Presents at NETA

At the recent NETA conference in Omaha, School Librarian, Carole Matthews, was one of seven NSLA board members participating in an IGNITE session. Mrs. Matthews' presentation promoted Hay Springs School and how we use technology. She is finishing her term as secretary of the Nebraska School Librarian Association.



Technology is:

Tricky
Equalizer
Crazy, Creative
Hands on
New, Noisy
Oooh, So amazing
Life long Learning
Oooh, So frustrating
(for) Girls and Boys
(for) Young and Old

Posted by Hawks Webmaster on <http://hshawks.com/author/haadwmkisin/>, accessed 4/26/2018.

Book Review by Christa Porter
Nebraska Library Commission, Library Development Director

The 12 Dares of Christa

Confession #1: Yes, I read this book because it had my name in the title. I had no idea what it might be about, but I just had to check it out.

Confession #2: I liked it!

The 12 Dares of Christa is the most recent YA novel by [Marissa Burt](#). It's a funny, sad, heartwarming story of a teen girl working through a difficult, confusing time in her life.

Christa is a huge fan of the holidays, and each year the planning starts months in advance. She loves to come up with a crazy agenda of activities for her and her parents. This year is different though. Instead of being at home for Christmas, they are going on vacation to Europe! Two weeks traveling to Florence, Paris, and London. It won't be the same as being at home, but it will be fun.

But, before the trip, her parents break the news that they are planning to divorce. Christa is devastated of course. She will be taking the trip only with her mother. Her father will be staying home in Chicago. Definitely not the vacation Christa was looking forward to.

However, once she arrives in Italy, she finds a package from her father waiting in her hotel room. He has arranged his traditional holiday scavenger hunt for her. Even though he can't be with her, he has set up 12 dares that she has to complete as she is traveling through Europe.

I found the dares fun, mostly. A bit repetitive, but with a good purpose in the end. And, it was their father/daughter tradition after all. Christa makes some new friends and does learn more about herself, gaining much more strength and confidence than she had at the beginning of the book. I think this would be a good read for YA fans who like the holidays, European travel, and surprises.



2018 Golden Sower Awards



Picture Book

Winner: *We Forgot Brock!* by Carter Goodrich

Honor: *Wolfie the Bunny* by Ame Dyckman, illus. by Zachariah O'Hora

Honor: *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson

Chapter Book

Winner: *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

Honor: *Baker's Magic* by Diane Zahler

Honor: *The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall

Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *House Arrest* by K.A. Holt

Honor: *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt

Honor: *Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz

Thank you to all of the 71,939 students who read the Golden Sower Award nominees this year and voted for their favorite book. And also a big THANK YOU to all of the teachers, media specialists and librarians who promoted the books in their schools and libraries. You help make the program a success! Kathy Schultz Chair, Golden Sower Award Committee

Information provided by Sally Snyder, email, accessed Tue 5/1/2018 11:38 AM

News You Can Use



NebraskaAuthors.org launched on April 22, 2018! This broadly inclusive database holds the biographical information and bibliographies of more than 4,300 Nebraska authors, past and present. The website is the creation of a collaborative effort between [Lincoln City Libraries](#), the [UNL Center for Digital Research in the Humanities](#), and the [Nebraska Literary Heritage Association](#).

Learn the features of this database to enhance your knowledge of Nebraska Writers and to understand how this valuable resource can support the reference services at your library.

For more information, to register for NCompass Live, or to listen to recordings of past events, go to the [NCompass Live webpage](#).



Posted on [April 20, 2018](#) by [Christa Porter](#)



HELP your Summer Reading Program patrons win money for college? The parents will love you, too.

NEST College Savings Plan Scholarship Drawing

Librarians want to help your Summer Reading Program patrons win money for college? After they have completed your library's [Summer Reading Program](#) they will be eligible to win one of fifteen \$529 NEST College Savings Scholarships (see announcements below). Five will be awarded in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts. In addition the library of each winner will also win \$250! Put up the poster (below) below to let your summer readers know about this investment.

The Summer Reading, NEST 529 Read to Win Contest will run **May 15, 2018 through August 22, 2018.**

Here is your file for submitting children and teen names for the scholarship drawing, click: [Excel](#) and save the file to your hard drive. Please note there are 2 tabs in the file, one is instructions, and the other is where you can type the contestants' names. When you have accumulated the names from your SRP please send an electronic version of the file back to Sally Snyder, sally.snyder @ nebraska.gov. **The deadline is 11:59:59 p.m., CT, on August 27, 2018.**

If you are unable to use the Excel file, you may list the children's and teens' names, with their phone numbers or parents' email addresses, in the body of an email and send it to Sally Snyder.

NEST College Savings Plan Scholarship [Official Rules](#) (2018 ones coming)

NEST [Poster](#)

If you have any problems printing the poster, please save it locally, and use Adobe Reader to view and print.

NEST [Announcement](#) (2018 announcement coming) from the Library Commission

Nebraska's 529 Direct College Savings Plan website: <https://www.nest529direct.com/>

Treasurer's Office [Nest Newsletters](#)

Information provided by
Nebraska Library Commission



NEST College Savings Plan Scholarship's for 2018 will be open on May 15, 2018.

If you have any further questions please contact [Sally Snyder](#); Phone: 800-307-2665.

News You Can Use

Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities



Watch the May 30 NCompass Live broadcast that will feature some of the local librarians that have already hosted the rotating studio, update on progress, and walk through the application process.

For more details visit: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=17259>
Eligible Nebraska public libraries are those with a legal service area of less than 25,000 and are accredited.

For more details contact JoAnn McManus at
joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov.

It's time to apply for your own Nebraska
Library Innovation Studio!

Visit: [http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/InnovationStudios/](http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/InnovationStudios/LibraryInnovationStudiosProjectSummary.pdf)
[LibraryInnovationStudiosProjectSummary.pdf](http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/InnovationStudios/LibraryInnovationStudiosProjectSummary.pdf)

The deadline to apply is July 20, 2018.
Begin planning today!

Tag your Innovation Studio creations on social media with #LISmaker @YourTown

WLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Western Library System Scholarship Application

Up to \$200.00 per event for registration, mileage, meals, etc.

All member libraries are eligible.

Only one scholarship per person every two years.

Scholarship recipients will provide a brief article in the System Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. Submit articles to the WLS office.

Name: _____

Library/School/Agency: _____

Phone and Email: _____

Event Date: _____

Requested Amount: _____



Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the Activity: _____

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Western Library System

Email: wlsasst@gmail.com

News You Can Use

Cover One Book Repair Service!



The Western Library System has a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. Take advantage of this useful service to save your valuable books and avoid the cost of replacements. Go to <http://www.coverone.net/>

Bring your books into the WLS office to make your own repairs! Call the WLS office for an appointment: 308-632-1350, Toll-Free 888-879-5303.

Disc Cleaning and Repair!



The Western Library System has the RTI ECO-SMART Disc Repair System. It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play! As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018, each WLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings. If you have any questions, please call the WLS office.

Makey Makey



[Makey Makey](#) The Western Library System has a new Invention Kit for beginners and experts for art, engineering, and many other project for budding innovators. Check this out for your library today! If you have any questions, please contact the WLS office.



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Would you like to entice all of your library detectives to participate in a real life “sleuthing” game night? Do your afterschool patrons enjoy solving a good mystery? Do your mystery readers want to advance their detective skills up to the next level?

The Western Library System now offers Breakout EDU kits to help you provide your own mystery afternoon for all the detectives, no matter what age, visiting your library.

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